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1. BENT WEIBEL, WHO HAD BEEN CHARGED WITH ESPIONAGE FOR COOPERATION WITH THE SOVIETS AND INVOLVEMENT IN THE SALE OF ELECTRONIC AND OTHER CONTROLLED EQUIPMENT, WAS SENTENCED TO 8 YEARS' IMPRISONMENT SEP 2. THE SENTENCE, A HEAVY ONE FOR DENMARK, CAUSED PUBLIC SURPRISE. THE MOST SEVERE SENTENCE WEIBEL COULD HAVE RECEIVED WAS 12 YEARS. WEIBEL HAS APPEALED TO THE SUPREME COURT WHICH CAN ONLY REDUCE THE SENTENCE, NOT CHANGE THE GUILTY VERDICT.

2. WEIBEL HAD INHERITED THE ENGINEERING FIRM OF M.B. WEIBEL A/S, THROUGH WHICH THE TRANSACTIONS WERE CONDUCTED, FROM HIS FATHER. HE WAS ALSO PRESIDENT OF A SISTER FIRM CALLED INGWEI, INC.

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3. COMMENT: AS A MATTER OF INTEREST, WE NOTE THAT NEITHER PRELIMINARY LICENSING CHECKS NOR END-USE CHECKS HAVE EVER BEEN REQUESTED ON EITHER OF THE WEIBEL FIRMS AND THAT THE COMPANIES HAVE NOT BEEN LISTED IN THE TABLE OF DENIAL AND PROBATION ORDERS.

4. IT IS CLEAR THAT THE DANISH AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN INTENSELY

INTERESTED IN OBTAINING THE MOST SEVERE SENTENCE POSSIBLE FOR
WEIBEL AS AN EXAMPLE FOR OTHERS. NO INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO
HIS ACTIVITIES, EXCEPT FOR A FEW DETAILS ON HIS SALES TRANS-
ACTIONS, HAS BEEN MADE PUBLIC.
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